

THE FIRE AND POLICE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION ANNOUNCES A WRITTEN EXAMINATION FOR FIREFIGHTER TRAINEE IN THE SAN ANTONIO FIRE DEPARTMENT

SALARY: \$2,369 per month during training

PURPOSE: The purpose of this examination is to establish an eligibility list to fill vacancies as they are approved for Firefighter Trainee. The eligibility list will be valid for a period of 12 months from the date of approval unless exhausted.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS (MAY NOT BE LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING): Attends training regarding: Federal, State, and local laws and ordinances, modern fire fighting techniques, hazardous materials, building construction, motor vehicle operations, management and communication, and state certification for emergency medical technicians. Responds to fire alarms and other emergency calls. May be required to descend from 2nd floor quarters to 1st floor via sliding down a pole. Dons protective clothing (bunker gear) and breathing apparatus. Selects nozzles, depending on type of fire, removes hose from truck, transports hose to hydrant. Removes preconnected hose from fire apparatus, stretches hose to fire and/or pulls skid load from apparatus bed, attaches to fire engine pump, and stretches to fire. In high rise, fire fighter carries 1 3/4" hose upstairs with nozzle and adapter and assorted equipment, connects hose to standpipe, and stretches hose to fire. Directs stream of water or chemicals onto fire. Positions and climbs ladders to gain access to upper levels of buildings. Performs and/or assists in victim extraction from buildings or vehicles. Performs search and rescue operations in buildings filled with fumes, smoke, odors, mists, etc. Creates openings in buildings or vehicles for ventilation, victim extraction, or entrance using ax, chisel, crow bar, electric saw, jaws-of-life, or other power equipment. Protects property from water and smoke using waterproof salvage covers, smoke ejectors, deodorants. Removes items from buildings, including but not limited to, appliances, couches, and cloths. Cleans up items involved in the fire and removes them from the premises including but not limited to, the items mentioned above. Administers first-aid and/or artificial respiration to injured persons or those overcome by fire and/or smoke. Communicates with fellow firefighter(s) and superior(s) during fire fighting and/or rescue operations.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS: Standing, walking, running, sitting, lifting over 200 lbs., carrying over 200 lbs., pushing, pulling, climbing, balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, crawling, reaching, handling, bending and finger dexterity.

WORKING CONDITIONS: Inside/outside, extreme cold/heat with/without temperature changes, rain and/or humidity, noise (siren use). Mechanical and electrical hazards, fires, explosives, radiant energy, bodily fluids, fumes, dusts, mists, gases and poor ventilation.

QUALIFICATIONS (THE FOLLOWING INCLUDES THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR TAKING THE WRITTEN EXAMINATION. HOWEVER, APPLICANTS MUST PASS OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY TO BE HIRED):

Applicants must possess the following qualifications at the time of application for the position of Firefighter:

1. Applicants must be at least 19 years of age at the time of testing.
2. Applicants must not have reached 34 years at the time of testing.
3. Applicants must have a high school diploma or G.E.D. certificate
4. Applicants must be able to read, write, and speak in the English language.
5. Applicants must not have any of the disqualifying items listed below on his/her record:
 - Conviction of a felony or other crime involving moral turpitude.
 - Any discharge from the United States Armed Forces other than honorable.(Uncharacterized and Entry Level discharges may be accepted and will be assessed on an individual basis).

- Two or more traffic violation convictions within the 12 months preceding the date of written examination.
- Conviction of a Class A or Class B misdemeanor or its equivalent within the 24 months preceding the date of written examination.
- Conviction of a Driving While Intoxicated, Driving Under the Influence of Drugs, or their equivalent within the 5 years preceding the date of written examination.

APPLICATIONS: Applications for this examination will be accepted on the following dates during the listed hours at the listed location:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Location</u>
August 01, 2011	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Fire Training Academy 300 S. Callaghan Road @ Hwy 151
August 02, 2011	"	"
August 03, 2011	"	"
August 04, 2011	1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	"
August 05, 2011	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	"
August 08, 2011	"	"
August 09, 2011	"	"
August 10, 2011	"	"
August 11, 2011	1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	"
August 12, 2011	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	"
August 15, 2011	"	"
August 16, 2011	"	"
August 17, 2011	"	"
August 18, 2011	1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	"
August 19, 2011	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	"
August 22, 2011	"	"
August 23, 2011	"	"
August 24, 2011	"	"
August 25, 2011	1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	"
August 26, 2011.	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	"

Applications will be accepted by mail if you live **100 miles or more** from San Antonio. Applicants residing within 100 miles must **physically** come in and submit an application. **Mail-in applications from applicants living within 100 miles will be discarded without notice.**

If you meet the "100 mile or more" criteria (www.mapquest.com), **you may request an application packet beginning at 7:45 am (CST) on Monday, July 18, 2011 thru midnight (CST) Friday, August 12, 2011.**

To receive an application packet you may call 210-207-8427 or email your request at the following website: FDrecruiting@sanantonio.gov.

Mailed application submissions must be postmarked no earlier than August 01, 2011 with a return postmark and mailed no later than midnight August 26, 2011. If return envelope has two postmarks, the most recent postmark will take precedent. SAFD WILL NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGED, DELAYED OR LOST MAIL.

Mail applications to: SAN ANTONIO FIRE DEPT
Attn: District Chief Mark Black
215 S. San Saba, Suite 107
San Antonio, Texas 78207

NO FAXED APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED
YOU CANNOT DOWNLOAD APPLICATIONS FROM THE CITY WEBSITE

The four (4) hour written examination will be given at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 8, 2011 at the Convention Center, Exhibit Hall "C" and "D", located at 200 E. Market. (Market/Bowie) Applicant registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. until 9:50 a.m.

Applicants who arrive after 9:50 a.m. will not be permitted to test.
****Please line up outside the Entrance Doors of Exhibit Hall D towards Durango St. ****
(NO BOOKS, BACKPACKS, STUDY-GUIDES OR FOOD AT TEST SITE)

IDENTICAL GRADES: Whenever two or more competitors for a beginning position in either the Fire Department attain the same passing grade, these applicants shall be ranked according to the lot they draw, with the lowest lot being ranked first.

VETERAN'S PREFERENCE: Applicants who have served on active duty for a minimum of 180 consecutive days in the United States Armed Forces, received an honorable discharge, and scored seventy-percent (70%) or higher on the written entrance examination receive an additional five (5) points. These five (5) points are added to the applicant's written examination score and used to determine his/her placement on the eligibility list.

To be considered for receiving the five (5) Veteran's Preference Points, **you must submit an original or certified true and exact copy of your DD214 indicating character and length of honorable service at the time of application. Only legible and unaltered DD 214 copies Service #2, Member #4, State Director of Veterans Affairs #6, Service #7, and Service #8 or a letter from their current commander (field grade officer or above) that contains contact information for the commander, indicates term of service, and that the service member will receive an Honorable Discharge based on current conditions are accepted for this purpose. There will be no exceptions or extensions beyond the date of application.** If you mail in your application, mailed applications and copies of DD 214 (if applicable) must be mailed together in the same envelope and postmarked **no earlier than August 01, 2011 with a return postmark and mailed no later than August 26, 2011.**

DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT: July 11, 2011

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www.safdcareers.com